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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

Small business and competition is the heart of the American economy. Please do not take away the ability for new blood to enter into the broadband competition. As we have all become dependent on internet for paying bills, finding out about traffic and booking our travel, forcing us into higher paying, limited provider situations never works out to be an advantage for the consumer. Your job, as my government entity is not to protect big business but to look out for people like me. To encourage a competitive and fair marketplace that protects the consumers and builds a better system.

I also have a second home in a rural area and am feeling the pinch of no competition and high prices. In that home I will probably choose to go without internet since the monthly cost is prohibitively expensive.

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